

EPCH's 32nd Annual General Meeting

New Delhi; 25th September 2018 : The 32nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of EPCH was held on 25 September in New Delhi. Addressing the AGM, Mr. O P P r a h l a d k a , Chairman, EPCH, informed of the Council's increase



Seen LtoR: Mr. R K Verma, Director, EPCH; Mr. Ravi K Passi, Vice Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH; Mr. OP Prahladka, Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Sagar Mehta, Vice Chairman, EPCH; and Mr. A K Mohanty, Returning Officer from O/o DC (Handicrafts)



The newly elected Directors, COA : Ms. Jesmina Zeliang, Mr. Ravi K Passi, Mr. Arshad Mir, Mr. Tulasi Rao and Mr. Prince Malik, seen with Mr. OP Prahladka, Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Sagar Mehta, Vice Chairman, EPCH; and Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH

in membership with the present number crossing 10,000 handicrafts exporters. This was followed by the proceedings of the meeting.

On the occasion, EPCH inducted 6 Directors in place of those who had held the positions earlier and retired by rotation. The new elected Directors (Members of Committee of Administration) are Mr. Ravi K Passi, Mr. Arshad Mir and Mr. Prince Malik from Northern Region; Ms. Jesmina Zeliang from North Eastern Region; Mr. K N Tulasi Rao from Southern Region; and Mr. Dileep



The AGM in progress

Baid from North West Region. During the AGM, EPCH paid homage to late Shri P N Suri, Past Chairman, EPCH and Shri Abdul Jabbar, a veteran handicrafts exporter from Moradabad. ■

Matter of hindrances to Iran bound handicraft exports, taken up with Secretary, Commerce & Industry



New Delhi; 5th October 2018 : Mr. Ravi K Passi, Vice Chairman, EPCH and Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH, called on Mr. Anup Wadhawan, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry to resolve problems being faced by handicraft exporters exporting to Iran, owing to sanctions imposed by United States. Mr. Alok Vardhan Chaturvedi, IAS, DGFT was also present in the meeting.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar informed the Secretary that exporters exporting to Iran are facing problems as banks are refusing to accept the shipping documents for clearance of GR form to RBI resulting in no BRC is being released to the exporter. In the absence of BRC, the exporter is unable to claim benefit like MEIS / duty drawback and GST refund. In respect of earlier exports to Iran, all payments were received in Euro from third party and had been credited in respective exporters' accounts by their bank branches but branches in Moradabad are refusing to issue EBRC in spite of the fact that RBI has 'No Objection' in the matter. Exports to Iran are also allowed in INR but only UCO bank, Delhi has been authorised to open INR account. The delegation requested that UCO Bank, Moradabad be authorised to open INR account. Mr. Anup Wadhawan has assured to take up the matter with RBI and Ministry of Finance to resolve the issue at the earliest. ■